

# Complain Better

June 4, 2017

## Rule #2

Habakkuk 1:12-2:20 • Message 2

PRAY • BRITISH BAKING SHOW... SMALLEST FAULTS • CRITICAL THINKING

### Review

**Rule 1: Talk to the manager and listen to what he says.**

BRING YOUR PROBLEM TO GOD AND PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT HE SAYS ABOUT IT!  
 HABAKKUK • COVENANT TO EXILE • MOST OF ALL, GOD ISN'T DOING ANYTHING  
 ANSWER: ACTUALLY, I'M RAISING UP THE BABYLONIANS.

### Habakkuk's Second Complaint (1:12-2:1)

WHEN I DON'T LIKE WHAT AN AUTHORITY FIGURE DOES, I POINT OUT CONTRADICTIONS

Habakkuk's problem understanding isn't **GOD'S FAULT**.

CONTRADICTION #1 (VS. 12) • WE THINK WE ARE SPECIAL • DT 9:4, 6 • DT 28:15, 49-50

God clearly promised **JUDGMENT**.

CONTRADICTION #2 (VS. 13A) • WE THINK GOD SHOULD PUNISH EVIL WHEN IT ISN'T OURS

God irrationally offers **GRACE**.

CONTRADICTION #3 (VS. 13B) • WE THINK GOD GRADES ON A CURVE.

God's standard is **PERFECTION**.

NOT GOD'S FAULT • HABAKKUK TAUNTS GOD WITH THE REST • BUT GOD ANSWERS!

### God's Second Answer (2:2-20)

GOD'S ANSWER COMES IN THREE PARTS • 2-3

Wait... God's plan may **LINGER**, but it **WILL** come.

4-5

God is **FULLY AWARE** of what people are doing.

6

**GLORIOUS JUDGMENT** will **COME**.

7-20 • THREE WOES AND AN ASIDE, TWO WOES AND AN ASIDE  
 TEASE THE LAST ONE • TEASE GOD'S JUDGMENT AGAINST EVERYONE

### A Painful Truth, A Ray of Hope

I'M TOO MUCH LIKE HABAKKUK... LIKE ISRAEL... LIKE BABYLON

God **SHOULD JUDGE ME**, but he hasn't **YET**.

BUT THERE IS THIS TINY RAY OF HOPE... 2:4 • QUOTED 3 TIMES • ROMANS 1:17

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-- THIS IS WHEN WE REALIZE WE HAVE NOTHING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT --

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